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SUBJECT: BRITISH TALKS WITH PRINCE FAHD

REF: (A) JIDDA 5112, (B) JIDDA 5074, (C) JIDDA 4431

1. BRITISH TELL US AFTER CONSIDERABLE WASTED TIME AND EFFORTS ONLY SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT FOR PRINCE FAHD IS SEPTEMBER 5 DINNER WITH GOVERNOR OF BANK OF ENGLAND GORDON RICHARDSON. PLANS FOR MEETINGS WITH SECSTATE FCO CALLAGHAN AND SECSTATE ENERGY VARLEY HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED THUS FAR, BOTH BECAUSE OF UNAVAILABILITY OF MINISTERS IN PRE-ELECTION PERIOD AND RELUCTANCE OF FAHD TO MAKE DEFINITE COMMITMENTS.

2. FCO HOPES TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY THIS NEXT WEEK TO SOUND OUT FAHD ON IRANIAN AS WELL AS YAMANI MINI-CONFERENCE IDEAS FOR CONSUMER-PRODUCERS DIALOGUE. FCO ALSO WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS OUL PRICE QUESTION AND OPEC MINISTERIAL. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY, IT IS CLEAR SAUDI AUCTION PLANS WOULD NOT BE RAISED WITH FAHD IN FORCEFUL WAY AT ALL.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ADVISING HMG BOTH THROUGH US AND UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OF STRONG US BELIEF THAT FAHD SHOULD BE PRESSED ON HOLDING
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OF SAUDI OIL AUCTION IF OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO ARISES.

4. FCO HAS JUST INFORMED US SECSTATE CALLAGHAN WILL
GIVE LUNCH FOR PRINCE FAHD SEPTEMBER 11TH PRECEDED BY
TALKS AT FCO.
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